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COMMITTEE OF 24 CONVENES.

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SUMMARY: OAU COMMITTEE OF 12 AT THE END OF ITS DELIBERATIONS REFTEL (A) ISSUED A REPORT CALLING FOR SETTING UP SEVEN WORKING GROUPS TO CONSOLIDATE AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION, AND INCREASED MEMBERSHIP IN THE ARAB BANK FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMEOT OF AFRICA (ABEDA). THE AFRO-ARAB COMMITTEE OF 24 CONVENED JANUARY 24 TO CONSIDER WAYS OF MAKING AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION A REALITY. END SUMMARY

1. THE REPORT OF OAU COMMITTEE OF 12 ISSUED JANUARY 24 CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF SEVEN WORKING GROUPS DEALING WITH INDUSTRIALIZATION, TRADE, INFRASTRUCTURE, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, FINANCIAL COOPERATION, CULTURAL SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION, AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION UNCLASSIFIED

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AND TECHNOLOGY. GROUPS' MEMBERSHIP WILL BE COMPRISED OF BOTH AFRICAN AND ARAB SPECIALISTS AND EXPERTS IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS. THE GROUPS WILL BE CONTROLLED BY A COORDINATING COMMITTEE HEADED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF 12 AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ARAB LEAGUE. A NEW FUND TO BE FINANCED BY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OPEC UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COORDINATION COMMITTEE WILL FINANCE THE WORKING GROUPS. COMMITTEE OF 12 REPORT ALSO CALLS

FOR THE AFRICANIZATION OF THE ABEDA ON THE SAME BASIS AS THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK TO INSURE THAT THE POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ABEDA REFLECT AFRICAN CONCERNS.

2. THE OAU COMMITTEE OF 24 DELIBERATIONS WERE OPENED JANUARY 24 BY ZAMBIAN PRIME MINISTER ELIJAH MUDENDA WHO CALLED FOR NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION, BUT MAKING IT A REALITY. COINCIDENT WITH THE CONVENING OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24 TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER IBCAHIM KADUMA CALLED FOR THE OIL-RICH ARAB STATES TO GIVE SPECIAL OIL CONCESSIONS TO THE FRONTLINE STATES BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTIES THEY WERE ENCOUNTERING IN THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION STRUGGLE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED THAT SYMPATHETIC WORDS WERE ACCEPTABLE, BUT PRACTICAL SUPPORT WAS MORE APPRECIATED. THE COMMITTEE OF 24 DELIBERATIONS ARE SCHEDULED TO CONCLUDE JANUARY 26 WITH A PRESS BRIEFING BY THE OAU SECRETARY-GENERAL.

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